

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 36 – SB 881

February 15, 2023

SUMMARY OF BILL: Revises the criteria for automatic revocation of a public charter agreement to apply only if each of the two consecutively issued priority school lists identify priority schools based on an evaluation of no less than three consecutive years of all schools' performance data. Prohibits the priority school list issued in 2022 from being considered a priority school cycle for purposes of subjecting a public charter school to automatic revocation of its charter agreement. Exempts the Achievement School District from the automatic revocation provisions.

FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- The Tennessee Public Charter School Commission (Commission) was created by Public Chapter 219 of the 111th General Assembly.
- The Commission has the authority to authorize public charter schools on appeal of a local board of education's decision to deny a public charter school application.
- The authorizer of a public charter school is authorized to revoke the agreement if the school is identified as a priority school for a single year beginning in 2017, but is required to revoke the agreement if the school is identified as a priority school for two consecutive cycles beginning in 2017.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-13-122(a)(4), the revocation of a public charter school agreement due to a school being identified as a priority school is not subject to an appeal before the Commission; therefore, revisions to the criteria for revocation will not increase the number of appeals that may come before the Commission.
- The Commission and local boards of education will be able to comply with the proposed legislation within existing resources. Any increase in state or local expenditures is estimated to be not significant.
- Any change in the number of public charter school agreements could result in shifts of students within an LEA; however, any net impact on local government is considered not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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